



Lower Santa Cruz River Alliance Proclamation Signing Ceremony

Thursday, February 9, 2012
Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer

I'm delighted to be here today to publicly sign a Proclamation in support of protecting our communities from severe flooding in the lower Santa Cruz River Watershed.

The Lower Santa Cruz has a long history of flooding during major storms – flooding that causes serious damage across an entire region of our state.

The floods have damaged buildings – homes – bridges -- interstate highways -- dams and dikes ... they've inundated fields -- ruined crops -- caused serious erosion -- and caused millions and millions of dollars in damage.

It's high time we fixed it!

One of my highest priorities as Governor is to create the right conditions to sustain and grow our economy. To do that, we must

anticipate roadblocks to economic expansion and then take decisive action to remove them.

The Lower Santa Cruz River Watershed -- covering thousands of square miles -- running through the heart of Arizona's fastest growing region -- and connecting its two largest metropolitan regions -- must be protected now to help ensure our state's economic prosperity.

Due to the nature and scope of the watershed, federal involvement in this project is necessary. Arizona has a long, rich history of coming together to fight for critical projects, including the Central Arizona Project, which has been instrumental to our State's success.

I'm proud to say this project is another case of putting Arizona first.

On behalf of the State of Arizona, I thank members of our Congressional Delegation for their support in this effort -- including Congressman Gosar, Congressman Grijalva, and Senator Kyl, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, which has made this project one of its top priorities -- in addition to a host of local officials, tribes and community leaders.

Working together, I'm confident we can protect our communities from flooding and help Arizona continue to be a prosperous state and a great place to live.

**I will now sign the Proclamation memorializing our commitment to securing this flood protection for the citizens of Arizona.
Thank you.**